

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MUNICIPAL MINUTES CITY OF TUPELO

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OCTOBER 20, 2020

Be it remembered that a regular meeting of the Tupelo City Council was held in the Council Chambers in the City Hall building on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with the following in attendance: Council members Markel Whittington, Lynn Bryan, Travis Beard, Nettie Davis, Buddy Palmer, Mike Bryan, and Willie Jennings; Attorney Ben Logan and Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council.

Councilman Travis Beard gave the invocation. Councilman Lynn Bryan led the pledge of allegiance.

President Mike Bryan called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

CONFIRMATION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA AND AGENDA ORDER

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to confirm the agenda and agenda order as presented. The vote was unanimous in favor.

PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS AND REPORTS AGENDA

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Jason Shelton presented the following:

1. Proclamation - Extra Mile Day - November 1, 2020 **APPENDIX A**
2. Proclamation - Extra Mile Hero - Leticia Gassaway **APPENDIX B**
3. Proclamation - Extra Mile Hero - Jason Martin **APPENDIX C**

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS

Mayor Jason Shelton presented each of the following Certificates of Recognition for years of employment with the City of Tupelo:

1. Ruth Fondon - Administration Office - 5 years employment
2. Craig Russell - Bancorp South Arena - 25 years employment
3. Robert Woods - Fire Department - 25 years employment
4. Bart Aguirre - Police Department - 35 years employment

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Councilman Willie Jennings encouraged everyone to continue to wear masks and to be safe.

Councilman Travis Beard said he had received phone calls concerning two Tupelo Police Officers - Officers Caldwell and Sheffield. They were commended on the way they handled a recent case and how

they went over and beyond to help with the victim(s). He also gave a shout out to Alex Farned who has worked diligently with the Kiwanis Club in the Keep Tupelo Beautiful efforts.

Councilwoman Nettie Davis extended a reminder to be sure to go vote on November 3, 2020.

MAYOR'S REMARKS

Mayor Shelton began his remarks by thanking the Governor for including Lee County in the recent mask mandate. He also emphasized that it should be worn over the nose and mouth and that social distancing should be observed. He said that today is 'Tap Code Day', and that the event at the Lee County Library is currently in progress. Mississippi Department of Archives and History will be hosting an event on Wednesday, October 22, 2020, with the following persons speaking on behalf of Tupelo and the Oren Dunn Museum: Boyd Yarbrough, Carla Falkner, Sahaya Smith and Leesha Falkner. The Grandstand ground breaking was held this morning at 10:00 AM. On October 30, 2020, there will be a presentation of the Great American Mainstreet Award, of which Tupelo is a semifinalist.

PUBLIC AGENDA

PUBLIC HEARINGS

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION PUBLIC HEARING

Attorney James Ford appeared on behalf of property owner, Canzella Smith, of 529 Robins Street in Tupelo. Ms. Smith and contractor John Perkins were also present. Mr. Ford explained to the Council that Ms. Smith wants to make improvements to her home and that they were in contact with a local engineering firm to obtain a structural report on the property. He also said that they would follow the engineer's report of repairs and would coordinate with Pat Falkner and Jimmy Farnham of the Development Services Department to make sure the property is repaired in accordance with City Codes. A complete list of the properties for Public Hearing is attached as **APPENDIX D**

IN THE MATTER OF LOT MOWING PUBLIC HEARING

No one appeared for the Lot Mowing Public Hearing on the following properties:

<u>PARCEL</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
101D0112500	922 TYLER DR
112J0902100	908 HADLEY ST

APPEALS

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE APPEAL HEARING

No one appeared for the Planning Committee Appeal.

ROUTINE AGENDA

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2020 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the minutes of the regular Council meeting dated October 6, 2020. The vote was unanimous in favor.

IN THE MATTER OF REVIEW, PAY BILLS AND APPROVE UTILITY ADJUSTMENTS

Bills were reviewed at 4:00 p.m. by Council members: Travis Beard, Markel Whittington, and Buddy Palmer; TWL Director Johnny Timmons and Accounts Payable Clerk Traci Dillard. Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman Palmer, to approve the payment of the checks, bills, claims and utility adjustments. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX E**

IN THE MATTER OF 2020 AUDIT REPORT FOR THE CITY OF TUPELO ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman Beard, to approve the Financial Report for the City of Tupelo Electric Department ending June 30, 2020. During the agenda review meeting Michael Little, representing Franks, Franks, Wilemon, & Haygood, P.A., reviewed this report with no instances of noncompliance with governmental accounting standards. The vote was unanimous in favor. A copy of this financial report is attached to these minutes as **APPENDIX F**.

IN THE MATTER OF SURPLUS VEHICLE

Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman Beard to declare the 2003 Toyota Matrix VIN# 2590 as surplus and no longer needed or usable by the municipality and disposed of by selling for scrap. This vehicle was seized in an undercover operation and the police department has been advised by the Public Works Shop, that due to the issues with the car, it should be scrapped. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX G**

IN THE MATTER OF AWARD OF BID # 2020-031WL CAB AND CHASSIS 4 X 4

Councilman Palmer moved, seconded by Councilman Jennings, to award Bid 2020-031WL - 2021 Cab and Chassis 4 x 4 to the lowest and best qualified bid submitted by Cannon Motors of MS & AR in the amount of \$51,500.00. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX H**

IN THE MATTER OF MUNICIPAL COURT CLERK TRAINING AND FEE SCHEDULE

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to accept the Municipal Court Clerk Training Certificate for Municipal Court Clerk, Rhonda L. Cole and the most recent copy of the Municipal Court's fine schedule and spread both on the municipal minutes. The vote was unanimous in favor. Mrs. Cole attended the Mississippi Municipal Court Clerk's Association Training Seminar via Zoom webinar, September 16-18, 2020. Under Mississippi code Sec. 21-23-12, a training certificate of the Municipal Court Clerk and the court's fine schedule are required to be made part of the permanent records of the City Council. A copy of the training certificate for Clerk Cole and the Municipal Court's most recent fine schedule are attached to these minutes and made part hereof as **APPENDIX I**.

IN THE MATTER OF CHANGE ORDER #1 FOR SAND CREEK BANK STABILIZATION ALONG RANKIN BLVD

Dennis Bonds, City Engineer, addressed the Council and requested that Change Order #1 for the Sand Creek Bank Stabilization along Rankin Blvd be approved. This change order adds a total of \$4,399.20 to the contract price making it a total contract of \$128,703.20 and is in response to additional erosion since the original price was reached. Councilwoman Davis moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve the change order. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX J.**

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2020

Councilman Beard moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington to accept the minutes of the Tupelo Planning Committee of October 5, 2020, as submitted. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX K**

IN THE MATTER OF DEMOLITION

Councilman L Bryan moved, seconded by Councilman Whittington, to approve the Demolition List. The vote was unanimous in favor to approve the Demolition List. **APPENDIX L**

IN THE MATTER OF FINAL LOT MOWING LIST

Councilman Whittington moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to approve the final lot mowing list. The vote was unanimous in favor. **APPENDIX M**

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to before the Council at the time, Councilman Jennings moved, seconded by Councilman L Bryan, to adjourn the meeting, this the 20th day of October, 2020 at 6:36 PM. The vote was unanimous in favor.

ATTEST:

Mike Bryan, President
City Council

Missy Shelton, Clerk of the Council

Jason Shelton, Mayor

Date